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In re Application of:

HEINZ ETTER et al.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION dated January 15, 2004

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This communication is in response to the Official Action of January 15, 2004 having a shortened period for response terminating April 15, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned to extend the period for response to above-referenced Official Action by TWO months until June 15, 2004.

[X] Accompanying this amendment is the appropriate fee of \$420.00 pursuant

to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

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[] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the appropriate fee of \$ pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby also authorized to charge any fees which may be required during the pendency of this application, including any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, and any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, including presentation of extra claims, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No: 06-0502.

Please amend the above-entitled application as follows: